

## 160 TONE WORDS

<b>absurd</b>	logically impossible, ridiculous
<b>accusatory</b>	charging of wrong-doing
<b>acerbic</b>	harsh, severe
<b>admiring</b>	approving, holding in high-esteem
<b>aggressive</b>	hostile
<b>ambivalent</b>	mixed or conflicting feelings
<b>animated</b>	lively, passionate
<b>apathetic</b>	indifferent due to lack of energy or concern
<b>apologetic</b>	expressing regret
<b>ardent</b>	intense, passionate
<b>arrogant</b>	aggressively haughty
<b>assertive</b>	positive, overbearing
<b>audacious</b>	bold, daring
<b>awe</b>	solemn wonder
<b>awestruck</b>	fear mingled with admiration
<b>bantering</b>	witty teasing, good-natured, playful, joking
<b>befuddled</b>	muddle or confuse
<b>benevolent</b>	desiring to do good, kind
<b>bitter</b>	exhibiting strong animosity as a result of pain or grief
<b>callous</b>	unfeeling, insensitive to feelings of others
<b>candid</b>	outspoken, frank
<b>caustic</b>	intense use of sarcasm; stinging, biting
<b>cautionary</b>	warning of danger
<b>celebratory</b>	praise, honor
<b>choleric</b>	hot-tempered, easily angered
<b>cold</b>	deliberate disregard
<b>colloquial</b>	ordinary, everyday speech
<b>compassionate</b>	sympathetic, merciful
<b>compliant</b>	yielding to the will of others
<b>complimentary</b>	positive
<b>conciliatory</b>	pacify, overcome
<b>condescending</b>	a feeling of superiority
<b>confident</b>	full of conviction, certain, self-assured
<b>contemplative</b>	thinking, reflecting on an issue
<b>contemptuous</b>	showing or feeling that something is worthless or lacks respect
<b>conventional</b>	lacking spontaneity, originality, individuality
<b>critical</b>	finding fault
<b>cynical</b>	questions basic sincerity and goodness of people
<b>defiant</b>	full of antagonism, challenging
<b>demeaning</b>	degrade, speak low of someone or something
<b>depressed</b>	hopeless
<b>derisive</b>	ridiculing, mocking
<b>detached</b>	impartial, aloof, not engaged
<b>didactic</b>	author attempts to educate/instruct reader
<b>diffident</b>	hesitant, unwilling to assert, lacking self
<b>dignified</b>	honor upon
<b>diplomatic</b>	tactful, good judgment
<b>disdainful</b>	scornful
<b>disheartened</b>	losing spirit or courage
<b>disparaging</b>	speak poorly of, discredit
<b>dispassionate</b>	impartial, lacking emotion
<b>docile</b>	easy to manage, get along
<b>dramatic</b>	striking in effect, provoking emotions
<b>earnest</b>	intense, a sincere state of mind
<b>egotistical</b>	conceit

<b>elegiac</b>	ode, expressing sorrow from past understanding of another's emotions
<b>empathetic</b>	learned, polished, scholarly
<b>erudite</b>	escaping understanding
<b>evasive</b>	enthusiastic
<b>excited</b>	using the imagination
<b>fanciful</b>	mockery
<b>farcical</b>	placing blame
<b>faultfinding</b>	showing immense affection
<b>fawning</b>	to lack proper respect or seriousness
<b>flippant</b>	conventional, sticking to form
<b>formal</b>	directly frank without hesitation
<b>forthright</b>	candid, undisguised
<b>frank</b>	silly, not serious
<b>frivolous</b>	angry, furious
<b>fuming</b>	easy-going, accepting
<b>gentle</b>	frivolous, silliness
<b>giddy</b>	darkness, sadness, rejection
<b>gloomy</b>	uncompromising, frightful
<b>grim</b>	easily deceived
<b>gullible</b>	unfeeling, insensitive
<b>hard-hearted</b>	proud and vain to the point of arrogance
<b>haughty</b>	modest, unimportant
<b>humble</b>	with humor, comical
<b>humorous</b>	equitable, not biased
<b>impartial</b>	filled with emotion
<b>impassioned</b>	requesting urgently
<b>imploring</b>	without sense or intelligence
<b>inane</b>	enraged, incite to anger
<b>incensed</b>	skeptical
<b>incredulous</b>	no interest, apathetic
<b>indifferent</b>	marked by anger; aroused by justice
<b>indignant</b>	instructive, to impart knowledge
<b>informative</b>	strong, vehement
<b>intense</b>	very familiar
<b>intimate</b>	sarcastic
<b>ironic</b>	unbelieving
<b>jaded</b>	happy
<b>jovial</b>	authoritative, often having critical opinions
<b>judgmental</b>	praising
<b>laudatory</b>	knowledgeable, wise, educated
<b>learned</b>	exaggeratedly mournful, dark, brooding
<b>lugubrious</b>	expressing a poet's inner feelings; emotional
<b>lyrical</b>	full of images; song-like
<b>macabre</b>	gruesome, death-like
<b>malicious</b>	purposely hurtful
<b>matter of fact</b>	accepting of conditions; not fanciful or emotional
<b>mock-heroic</b>	ridicule idea of being noble
<b>mocking</b>	treating with contempt or ridicule
<b>morose</b>	gloomy, sullen, sourly, despondent
<b>mourning</b>	regretting loss, expressing sorrow
<b>naïve</b>	unsophisticated, innocent
<b>narcissistic</b>	full of oneself, conceit
<b>nostalgic</b>	sentimental, remembrance
<b>objective</b>	an unbiased view, able to leave personal judgments aside
<b>obsequious</b>	polite and obedient in order to gain something

<b>optimistic</b>	hopeful, cheerful
<b>outraged</b>	disgusted, angry
<b>pathetic</b>	exciting pity
<b>patronizing</b>	air of condescension
<b>pedantic</b>	condescending, stodgy, ostentatiously learned
<b>pensive</b>	reflective, thoughtful
<b>persuasive</b>	trying to get other to take their opinion
<b>pessimistic</b>	seeing the worst side of things
<b>petty</b>	small minded, doesn't like the big picture
<b>philosophical</b>	pertaining to philosophy
<b>placating</b>	appease, calm
<b>poignant</b>	affecting, biting
<b>pompous</b>	showy, bragging, ostentatious, pretentious
<b>pragmatic</b>	practical, matter-of-fact
<b>pretentious</b>	showy, bragging, ostentatious,
<b>provocative</b>	incite, arouse, stir up
<b>quizzical</b>	odd, eccentric, amusing
<b>reflective</b>	innermost thoughts and emotions
<b>regretful</b>	sense of loss, looking back painfully
<b>resentful</b>	angry at having been injured, bitter
<b>resigned</b>	relinquish, endure with patience
<b>restrained</b>	held back, controlling emotion
<b>reticent</b>	reserved, silent
<b>reverent</b>	treating a subject with honor or respect
<b>ribald</b>	offensive in speech or gesture
<b>ridiculing</b>	slightly contemptuous banter; making fun of
<b>righteous</b>	virtuous, devout
<b>sanguine</b>	optimistic, cheerful
<b>sarcastic</b>	sneering, caustic
<b>sardonic</b>	scornfully and bitterly sarcastic
<b>satiric</b>	ridiculing to show weakness in order to make a point. teach
<b>scathing</b>	severely criticize
<b>scornful</b>	expressing contempt or displeasure
<b>sensationalistic</b>	intended to thrill
<b>sincere</b>	without deceit or pretense, genuine
<b>skeptical</b>	doubtful, questioning
<b>solemn</b>	deeply earnest, tending toward sad
<b>somber</b>	depressing, melancholy, serious, grave
<b>subjective</b>	not objective, biased
<b>submissive</b>	obedient, yielding
<b>tolerant</b>	patient and fair, endure without complaint
<b>tragic</b>	very unhappy
<b>unbiased</b>	without predetermined judgement
<b>uneasy</b>	not resigned to belief
<b>urgent</b>	requiring immediate action, pressingly important
<b>veneration</b>	admiration, wonder
<b>vexed</b>	angry, annoyed
<b>vibrant</b>	full of enthusiasm
<b>vindictive</b>	seeking revenge, bitter
<b>virtuous</b>	moral, upright
<b>whimsical</b>	odd, strange, fantastic, fun
<b>witty</b>	original and clever remarks
<b>wonder</b>	in awe or amazement
<b>zealous</b>	diligent, earnest

**Use this space to make notes of other tone words to add to your vocabulary.**